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**Play The Last Card.**  
The Boers Trust That the United States Will Interfere.  
But British Opinion Does Not Contemplate Such a Result.  
Transvaal and the Orange Free State Must Become Imperial Crown Colonies.

London, May 12.—The Boers seem to be on the eve of playing their last card, and according to many keen observers in England it is being played, not in South Africa, but in the United States, through the medium of the Boer delegates who sailed for New York from Rotterdam last week.  
The bulk of British opinion does not contemplate for a moment that Mr. Fischer and his companions will achieve success, but it is only natural that serious thought is now chiefly devoted to prognosticating the date when the war in the Transvaal will be ended. Most estimates concur in agreeing that hostilities will have ceased by June, or until President Kruger learns that the last country appealed to, the United States, will afford no help, and that he has no alternative in the face of the overwhelming force now victoriously sweeping into his territory, but to sue for peace. What Great Britain's answer to that request will be was unmistakably defined by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, at Birmingham last evening, when he declared that the Boer republics must become a crown colony, whose initial stage of organization should be controlled by a military administration. By agreeing to these terms President Kruger must give up all for which he has been fighting; but, on the other hand, now that terms have been so emphatically enunciated, they must either be granted or England will stand defeated.  
The latter alternative does not enter England's category of possibilities; her people are firmly convinced that Lord Roberts will steadily advance, perhaps with delays and losses of dare-devil units, and maybe without inflicting a crushing defeat, only he shall occupy the Transvaal. His former progress they believe will only be stopped when President Kruger, learning of the failure of Fischer's mission, asks for peace. This will come sooner than previously expected is the trend of popular opinion to-day. A long siege of Pretoria has become a remote contingency.  
Mr. Chamberlain in the course of his Birmingham speech made a curious insinuation. He had been struck, he said, by the flood of literature poured out not only in the United Kingdom, but in the United States.  
"All that printing," he said, "costs money; where does the money come from? Are there any capitalists on the side of the Boers? Are there any secret hoards we have not yet explored?" This spirit of counter-charge was evident in every sentence of one of the most vigorous speeches ever made by the colonial secretary.

**ROSSLAND MINES.**  
Shipments of Ore From the Camp for the Past Week.  
Rossland, May 12.—The find made on the surface of the Velvet at a point 63 feet from the shaft is an important one. The ledge is a rich one, carrying as high as six ounces in gold, and will pay from the grass roots. It is from six to seven feet in width and has well defined walls, the characteristics of a true fissure vein. It is thought to be the same ledge that was found to be on the 100-foot level and which is something over 50 feet in width, with 18 feet of high grade ore and the remainder of a pay grade. Mr. A. G. White broke up a pound of samples taken from the new Velvet vein to-day and panned it out. It showed at least 500 colors of gold. This find is pronounced to be one of the best yet made in the camp.  
The Evening Star has leased the seven-drill compressor plant of the Iron Horse, and on Monday will extend an air pipe line from the compressor plant to the workings of the Evening Star and will put in two power drills to work.  
The shipments last week were 3,461.5 tons, against 3,306 for the preceding week. The Le Roi smashed all its previous records last week by sending 3,441 tons to the smelter.  
Statement of shipments for the past week and year to date:  

Mine	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	3,441	21,633.5
War Eagle	10,003	10,003
Centre Star	7,017.5	7,017.5
Iron Mask	1,484.5	1,484.5
Evening Star	356	356
Monte Christo	273	273
I. X. L.	20.5	245
Giant	42	42
Total	3,461.5	44,004.5

**THE WRECKED MONTPELIER.**  
Officers and Crew Have Been Landed at Halifax.  
Halifax, May 12.—The officers and crew of the Elder-Dempster liner Montpelier, which ran on the rocks and became a total wreck off Cape Ray on the morning of May 4, were brought to Halifax yesterday by the steamer Harlaw. Capt. G. remained at Cape Ray to look after the wrecked steamer. There were seven officers, and the crew numbered 28, two of whom were left at Sydney. An investigation will be held here by Capt. Smith, H.N.L., Canadian wreck commissioner, and the men will remain to give evidence.  
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**VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.**  
George Cunningham Dies of His Injuries.—The Fraser River.  
Vancouver, May 12.—Geo. Cunningham, who was so severely burned yesterday when his house was destroyed by fire, died from his injuries in the city hospital last night.  
The water in the Fraser river is higher than it was at this time in 1894, but there being little snow on the mountains there is not much danger of floods.  
Martell's Three Star Brandy is the favorite.

**WIRE TO DAWSON.**  
Progress Being Made on the Work Between Atlin and Quesnel.  
From Our Own Correspondent.  
Vancouver, May 12.—J. B. Charleson, who is constructing an all-Canadian telegraph line to Dawson for the Dominion government, stated to-day that he had inspected the line as far as constructed from Quesnel, and he found the line constructed 90 miles beyond Quesnel and 45 miles beyond Blackwater, the total distance of the line from Ashcroft now being 310 miles. There were 50 men engaged on the Ashcroft end, besides packers. Mr. Charleson said he was particularly pleased with the two lines strung across the Fraser, three miles above Quesnel. The lines stretch 1,200 feet from shore to shore, without supports, and he believes that this is the longest stretch of wire over a chasm in British Columbia.  
The last report from the Atlin end was very encouraging. The 50 men engaged at that end had wires up 75 miles from Atlin, and on May 3 (the date of the report) had spanned the Nakeena river with two wires. The chasm here is 700 feet high, and two heavy cables had to be strung to get supplies across. The report says that the Teslin trail will be reached in 10 days. As Teslin is 30 miles distant, there is no doubt that over 100 miles of wire have been strung from Atlin by this time. Mr. Charleson says that after Teslin is passed very rapid progress will be made to Telegraph Creek, but the Ashcroft end will be completed to Hazelton before the men on the Atlin end can reach there, though he believes that the circuit will be completed at Hazelton quite a while before specified time. There are about 840 miles of country yet to cover.

**New Fishery Regulations.**  
Important Amendments in Regard to the Issuing of Licenses.  
Registration May Be Made at Any Period of the Year.  
From Our Own Correspondent.  
Ottawa, May 12.—An order-in-council has been passed amending the British Columbia fishery regulations in several important particulars. Registration for licenses may hereafter be made at any period in the year, instead of at a specified time. Fishermen with a canner's license must carry such license with them, together with a certificate from the employing firm that they are fishing for them. Fishermen operating without a license are liable to have boats, nets and gear confiscated.  
Licenses issued to fishermen fishing for a cannery may be transferred on application to the inspector.  
The close season for northern rivers extends from Saturday noon to midnight Sunday.  
The mesh of nets for steelhead fishing is fixed at 6 1/2 inches, extension measurement.

**DOMINION ELECTIONS.**  
They Will Be Held in October Next Mr. Osler Says.  
Toronto, May 12.—At a public meeting of the Macdonald Club of West Toronto last night, Mr. Maclean, M.P., prophesied a victory for the Conservatives at the next federal election. They would have a majority in the Maritime Provinces; might be a little behind in Quebec, but would still make heavy inroads on Laurier there; they would have a majority of twenty in Ontario and would beat the Liberals five to one west of Lake Superior. He bestowed a word of praise on the grand fighting qualities of Sir Charles Tupper and proclaimed Hugh John Macdonald as the rising hope of the Conservative party.  
Mr. Osler, M.P., said if hard times were to come upon the country as in the ebb and flow of things was inevitable some day, the rule of the Laurier government would be absolutely disastrous. People were lulled into indifference by the present prosperity. He had reliable information that the general election would take place somewhere about October and urged a vigorous campaign by the club.

**NOT THE UNITED STATES.**  
Lord Salisbury's Speech on Hatred Did Not Refer to Them.  
London, May 12.—The Saturday Review referring to Lord Salisbury's recent speech regarding hatred toward England and the necessity of arming the country as especially applicable to the United States declares: "During the Cuban war there were a large number of people in this country who sympathized with Spain, but they kept their feelings greatly to themselves. Not a discordant note was heard in our press and the British government prevented a combination of European powers that would have thrown the United States government on its back. How do the United States repay us? We are treated to all kind of intrigues over the Alaskan boundary and the Nicaragua Canal, and now at least half the American press and nation loud in proclaiming their sympathy with the Boers and are organizing receptions for their delegates. We shall have to protect our Empire, and must do it as Lord Salisbury says, with our right arm." This interesting comment neither represents the best informed nor the popular opinion. Lord Salisbury had no idea of referring to the American pro-Boer manifestations when speaking at the meeting of the Primrose League. Moreover, these manifestations are popularly regarded in England, thanks to the cable despatches of English correspondents, as nothing but a temporary effervescence of political agitation in a country on the verge of an election and as such of no serious importance.

**THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**  
Difficulties Over Australian Federation—Lord Salisbury on the Temperance Question.  
London, May 12.—In comparison with what 200,000 British troops have been doing in South Africa during the week, the events in England itself are perhaps unimportant. Yet, they seem with human interest and international importance. First and foremost is the question of Australian federation. Delegates from this great colony are incessantly speaking pleasant words to London audiences through the medium of public dinners and speeches, to say nothing of copious press interviews, but meanwhile are fighting Colonial Secretary Chamberlain tooth and nail in an endeavor to maintain Australia's position as having the English Privy Council as a final court of appeal, for local cases. No compromise has yet been reached, and Mr. Chamberlain will shortly introduce the subject of federation in the House of Commons, advocating that the bill be passed as forwarded to Australia, with the exception of an amendment granting the Privy Council the power mentioned above. Presumably the Commons will follow the government's lead.  
Lord Salisbury's outspoken opposition to radical temperance measures in the House of Lords on Tuesday will probably afford the basis of one of the strongest planks of the opposition platform at the next election. It is a strange spectacle, indeed, to see sedate Conservative prelates linked with the Radical peers in an astute-banking movement against the government. The Premier has spoken more frankly upon the temperance question than almost any leading man in English politics. As at the Primrose League meeting Lord Salisbury appeared to be thinking aloud, with no regard for consequences, and declared that he did not see the force of preventing a certain number of people getting drunk when it entailed prevention of six times as many sober consumers having the opportunity for free indulgence. This is a campaign headline that will not be easily forgotten; nor did the slim majority of three by which Lord Salisbury carried the debate strengthen the position of the government.  
Lord Villiers, one of Lord Salisbury's warmest supporters, publishes an article saying that the Premier's attitude on this question is deeply regrettable and may turn Conservatives and Liberal Imperialists into uncompromising opponents of the government.  
Another curious feature of the week is the narrow majority of eleven which the government scored in the House of Commons over the motion to prevent ministers from being company directors. Had the motion been carried forty companies would have lost members of their boards and twenty-five ministers, including Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Hamilton and the Earl of Salisbury would have lost an additional source of income. All the weeklies, regardless of party, agree in supporting the principle of the defeated motion and doubtless in the course of time the government itself will bring in a measure to prohibit any minister of the crown taking part in the direction of a public company.

**In British Keeping**  
Roberts Now Practically in Possession of All the Free State.  
The Boers Are Disheartened and Know That They Are Beaten.  
Strathconas' Horse Gone to the Front at a Capetown Despatch States.

London, May 13.—(4 a. m.)—The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory from the British point of view as the most sanguine friend could have hoped.  
The occupation of Kroonstad practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession. It is evident from Lord Roberts' despatch that the disintegration has commenced.  
The Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former make still or are likely to make seems to be centring at Lindley, whither President Steyn has transferred his government.  
It is evident that the strategy of Lord Roberts and the rapidity of his advance have bewildered and disheartened the Boers, as their resistance since the British reached the Zand river has been slight.  
The only point where they seriously attempted to check the advance seems to have been on the British right when they defended two kopjes with some vigor, which eventually were carried by the East Lancashire and Sussex regiments, the Boers finally retreating, leaving a group of gunners dead on top of one of the heights. The only point in the Free State where the Boers seem in any force, except at Lord Roberts' front, is at the southeast, where Generals Rundle, Campbell and Brabant are holding them in check west of Ficksburg and Ladybrand, and are gradually pushing them back, as well as effectually defeating all communications.  
There is no further news regarding the advance of the relief column to Mafeking, but it is possible that Lord Roberts' successes will result in forcing the Boers to raise the siege.  
Pretoria advices via Lorenzo Marques state that the Boers' supply of smokeless powder is exhausted, and that all attempts to manufacture a fresh supply have been unsuccessful.  
A despatch from Capetown dated May 12 says that Lord Strathcona's Horse have gone to the front.

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## Westminster Scored First.

Defeated Vancouver in Opening  
Lacrosse Match Yesterday  
Afternoon.

Arrangements for the Club Regatta  
of the James  
Bays.

Vancouver, May 12.—In the first championship lacrosse match of the season, which took place in Vancouver to-day between Vancouver and New Westminster, New Westminster won by a score of four to one. The Vancouver team was outclassed, the home and centre being weak in comparison with the centre and defence of the visitors.

**SUMMARY.**  
Goal Won by. Scored by. Time.  
1—Westminster. McQuarry. 20 min.  
2—Westminster. Gilford. 5  
3—Vancouver. Barr. 1  
4—Westminster. Turnbull. 1  
5—Westminster. Turnbull. 23

**ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS.**  
"Spectator" Discusses the Merits of the  
Victoria Senior Team.

Now that the football season of 1899-1900 has closed I think it would be most appropriate to devote a few words to the boys on the Victoria Senior team who have once more brought the splendid Senior challenge cup to this city, and by so doing, have closed the most successful season since the inauguration of the Senior League. I think it would be well therefore to review the play and improvement of each player on the team.

Between the sticks stands Jones, a goal-keeper of no mean order. He came here in 1898, and immediately made himself conspicuous by his wonderful stops when playing intermediate. He went Senior last year, and although the team did not succeed in landing the cup, it was through no fault of his. This year he certainly upheld his reputation by only letting two goals pass him during the entire league.

In front of Jones stand what is without doubt the finest full-back combination in British Columbia football, in the person of H. A. Goward and B. Schwengers. These two players have been known to the Association football loving public for some years past, but their meritorious work this year and their clean and strong kicking has placed them as far as full-back play goes in this province, in a class by themselves. In these two men the team have the lightest and heaviest full-backs in the league, and their utterly unselfish play, combined with the splendid support they give each other has been one of the main reasons of the team's success this season. This was specially noticeable, I am told at Nanaimo, where Goward's phenomenal kicking, and the fine support afforded by Schwengers, brought forth continued support from the spectators. Goward went Senior in 1895 and Schwengers in 1897.

The Victorias never had a better half-back line than they have this year, all three of them playing a finely aggressive yet defensive game.

The centre-half and popular captain, Walter Lorimer, is without doubt the backbone of the eleven, and his splendid support of the other two half-backs and of the forwards, is specially commendable, while his never-varying, steady play has pulled the team through more than one hard-fought game as victors. He played intermediate until last year, when he was elected captain of the seniors.

The right and left-halves, Rutherford and Johnson, are two English footballers, the former having played in one of the senior teams, and the latter being one of the old Wanderers. Johnson's long shots have been responsible for some brilliant goals on more than one occasion this season, and the ease with which he plays is a pleasure to see. Rutherford was a member of the Celtic team in the old country, but was gained on to the Leith Athletics, one of the strongest amateur combinations in England. He plays a steady all-round game, and supports the right wing well, never doing any wild kicking.

The Victoria forwards are the lightest pack that have played in the league, and they possess the necessary factor of a good forward line, viz.: speed. Livingstone, the inside left man, is one of the most tricky players one could wish to see. For his weight his body-checking is marvellous, and I am told his game at Nanaimo in the final was superb. Previous to his playing here he was a member of the Seattle team. L. York, the outside left, is the most consistent goal-scorer on the team, and puts in some marvellous shots. He centres the ball well, is very speedy, and his passing across to the other wing, in the game at Nanaimo, was very fine. Noot, the centre forward, is one of the hardest men on the field, and plays a very pretty game. His shooting is fine, and his close kicking, the opposing backs and goalkeeper, has been responsible for a good many goals this season. Hunter, the inside right man, is an old Glasgow player. He is the heaviest of the forwards, has a good turn of speed, and has been responsible for two goals in this year's league.

Shandley, the little outside right, is as clever a player as one could wish to see. Until this year he, like Noot and York, played on the intermediate team, but his play with them soon brought him to the front, and gave him a place with the winners. He possesses the two most necessary points in a good wing-man having speed and centring the ball well into the goal.

The team on the whole is exceedingly well balanced, and if they stick together, it will be years before the cup leaves this city.

I am glad to see from the paper that they are going to tackle the Kamloops team down here on the 24th of May, and have no doubt that they will continue this season's splendid record, and uphold their proud title as champions of British Columbia.

**SPECTATOR.**

**CLUB REGATTA.**

J. B. A. A. Crews for Next Saturday's Regatta—All Confident.

Next Saturday at 3 p.m. four crews of the J.B.A.A. will struggle for supremacy over the harbor course. As all the crews have been putting in hard and faithful practice every day, close races may be looked for. Owing to the inability of some of those first chosen to race, the crews have been somewhat changed with the exception of Wilson's. The following are the crews:

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J. K. Macrae (stroke, K. Woolston (3), E. Schofield (2), Ellerton (bow).  
J. A. Macrae (stroke), K. Woolston (3), W. McKeown (2), J. Sylvester (bow).  
3. Wilson (stroke), G. Shepherd (3), Pettigrew (2), H. Jesse (bow).  
J. C. Thompson (stroke), — Hunter (3), J. Bland (2), W. Winsby (bow).  
The first of the three crews to get away from the starting line, which they did with justice to the "big four" in days to come. Wilson admits that he has the highest crew in the field and like Macrae, he, too, has some new blood, but says that they are stayers and to wait until the finish. Thompson, after arrival from Winnipeg, is said to have won many races in that city and says that his crew are sure winners. The crews are extremely grateful to "Dan" O'Sullivan, who in his usual unselfish way, gets them every day to coach and encourage them. The senior four of the club are also putting in faithful practice preparatory to their struggle with the Vancouver crew, which will be one of the best races yet witnessed on the harbor, and is showing up in fine form. The junior four under the supervision of Merrylees are confident that when called upon they will be able to hold their end up.

**THE TURE.**  
Kempton Park Races Strongly Run—  
Sirenia Wins the Jubilee.

London, May 12.—At the Kempton Park meeting to-day the Jubilee handicap was won by Mr. J. Norman's Sirenia, ridden by Bigby, was second, and J. A. Drake's Royal Flush, with J. Iteff in the saddle, was third in a field of twenty-one horses. The distance was a mile and a quarter. The weather was fine and there was a brilliant gathering, which included the Prince of Wales, Miss Bolton, ridden by Bigby, won the Shepperton selling handicap late of 200 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upwards at one mile.

The Jubilee handicap was a splendid race, Merry Methodist, who was the favorite at six to one against, was the smartest to get away and led to the distance pole, then Sirenia, on whom the betting was 3 to 1 against, challenged and got even with him and in the last stride won by a short head. Royal Flush sold at 5 to 1 against.

The Kempton Park May auction plate of 200 sovereigns for two-year-olds, five furlongs, was also won by Merry Methodist, the Nemesia colt. Mr. Richard Croker's Merrilla (bred in the United States) ran in this race but was not placed.

**THE OAR.**  
Vancouver to Be Represented.

That the Queen's Birthday regatta will this year produce an interesting inter-city contest is evidenced by the notification which secretary A. J. Dallin of the J.B.A.A., has just received from T. W. Goulding, secretary-treasurer of the Vancouver Boat Club, giving the assurance that that club will send a crew to compete in the four-oared by-stroke event on the 25th. The names of the crew are to be submitted later on.

**YACHTING.**  
The Celebration Races.

The programme for the celebration races was arranged at a meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club on Friday evening, when it was decided that the competing yachts would be divided into three classes—A, B and C—yachts of A class rating 4.5 and over, B class over 1½ and under 4.5, C class 1½ and under. A class will be yachts of 35 feet and all over, B class from 20 to 35 feet, and C class under 20 feet, load water line measurement. G. A. Kirk, W. H. Langley and Major B. Williams were appointed a committee to purchase prizes. The following yacht clubs will be asked to send representatives: Seattle, Puget Sound, Port Townsend, Tacoma, Port Angeles, Nanaimo, New Whetcom and Vancouver.

**CRICKET.**  
The Bays Choose Officers.

The J. B. A. A. Cricket Club have elected the following officers for the ensuing season: Captain, J. H. Gillespie; vice-captain, A. A. Green; secretary, F. J. McKee; Messrs. A. C. Anderson, H. J. Martin and W. C. Moresby forming the committee. Arrangements have been made to share the ground at Beacon Hill with the Fifth Regiment Cricket Club, and evening practice will be instituted at once. A successful season is anticipated by the association in their new branch of sport, and with the material at hand they should not be disappointed. The secretary will be pleased to receive applications for dates from other clubs.

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The tender must state the price net at Victoria which will pay.

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,  
City Clerk.

City Hall, Victoria, B.C.,  
29th March, 1900.

**City of Victoria, British Columbia**

**Tenders For Debentures.**



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## THE WAR.

The abandonment of Kroonstad by the Boers without even nominal resistance was a surprise. It has been understood for some time that preparations had been made for a vigorous defence at this point, and while the position is not one of great strength, it was very well adapted to a prolonged resistance. But the morale of the enemy's force has naturally been very badly shaken by recent events. When once an irregular force begins to retreat it is hard to get it to rally for an effective resistance.

Kroonstad is 162 miles from Pretoria and 82 miles from Bloemfontein. It is 84 miles from the crossing of the Vaal river. Roberts has therefore covered a little over one-third of the distance from the capital of the Free State to that of the Transvaal.

Lindley, the town to which President Steyn has removed his political headquarters, is due east of Kroonstad and about 45 miles distant. It has no railway connection. The probability is that Roberts will drive him out of this refuge prior to a proclamation annexing the Free State, which Roberts may be expected to issue as soon as he reaches the Vaal river, if not sooner.

Some light is cast upon the attempt that is being made on the part of the Boer force to hold a position in the Ladybrand district, by a despatch to the London Times not reproduced here. It was to the effect that Steyn ordered the Boer forces around Ladybrand to hold the country at all costs, as it is the great grain field from which supplies are drawn. Yesterday's news indicates that the attempt to hold this district will be abandoned by the enemy, who was being pushed back by Grenfell, Brabant and Campbell.

The story of the advance to Kroonstad is very simple. The enemy made no attempt to dispute the crossing of the Bloem, but would have defended the Vaalsch, if French had not seized the crossing with his cavalry on Friday evening. This altered the whole situation, and Roberts had only to advance the rest of his forces at his leisure. He was 14 miles out of Kroonstad on Friday night, but early the next morning was on the move and at 1:30 yesterday had crossed the Vaalsch and entered Kroonstad.

Lord Roberts' statement that the Transvaalers have refused to fight any longer on Free State soil is well founded, and we repeat the opinion expressed a few days ago that few of the Free Staters will cross the Vaal. Already many of them have gone to their homes.

While it will be possible to make a very serious resistance at the Vaal and a still more determined one in the hilly country around Johannesburg and Pretoria, we are not without a strong hope that the admirable tactics pursued by Lord Roberts will lead to the capture of these places without serious loss. The enemy is losing heart, and will hardly be deceived much longer by the vain assurances of the two presidents.

## LIQUOR LICENSES.

The Colonist has been asked by several persons if it feels quite sure that there is no law in British Columbia at the present time to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors outside of the municipalities. We regret to say that there appears to be no room for doubt. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the correspondence in regard to the disallowance of four acts of the session of 1899, from which it will very clearly appear that Chapter 39, being the "Liquor License Act, 1899," has been disallowed. Up to 1899 the granting of licenses for the sale of liquors and for carrying

on any kind of business was regulated by Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes. In 1899 the Semlin government decided to separate liquor licenses from all others, as well as make some changes in regard to the former, and for this purpose brought down and passed two bills. One of them is Chapter 39 of the acts of 1899 above referred to, and the other is Chapter 40, the short title being the "Licenses Act, 1899." Chapter 39 deals only with liquor licenses, and Chapter 40 provides for all other licenses. A new set of regulations having thus been provided, it became necessary to get rid of Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, and so a section was added to Chapter 40 repealing Chapter 122. We do not know that any adverse criticism can be made upon this method of dealing with the question. If it had not been for Section 36 of Chapter 39, no trouble would have arisen. This section is as follows:

"No license under this act shall be issued or transferred to any person of the Indian, Chinese or Japanese race." This section is said to be not in accordance with Imperial policy, and as the legislature did not at the late session alter the act by dropping this section from it, the whole act has been disallowed. But Chapter 40, which repealed the old law, stands, and therefore there is now no law on the subject. It may be suggested that Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes having been repealed, any former act on the same subject is revived; but this is not the case. As a general proposition in the construction of statutes, the repeal of an act does not revive acts repealed by that act, and the point is also covered by a section in our Interpretation Act.

While we do not find any fault with the Semlin government for the plan of action on this subject followed in 1899, we certainly think the Martin government open to serious criticism in attempting to enforce a disallowed act, as is now being done. This cannot possibly be defended.

## ABOUT SINGING.

The amateur concert season is very nearly over, and possibly our city vocalists would take in good part a few suggestions, which are of general application. One of them is as to the danger of putting too much strain on the voice. There are several young singers who are very near the danger point in this. The temptation to produce a volume of sound is often more than an amateur can resist, and when this can only be done at the cost of a great effort, the gratification which comes from applause, and decline to make the effort. Singing is not merely an accomplishment, which enables young people to afford pleasure. The triumphs of the amateur concert stage are nothing compared to the health-giving and happiness-producing fruits that may be gathered from the voice through a lifetime, when care is taken not to put too great a strain upon it at first.

The other point is as to elocution in singing. Many people with good voices are utterly lacking in elocution. A singer ought to study the words as faithfully as the notes. It is said of one of the most successful vaudeville performers in the world that she cannot really sing, but talks her songs. On the other hand, take the greatest of modern tenors, Campanini; with magnificent and flexible voice he combined the elocution of a Demosthenes. Of Jennie Lind, P. T. Barnum said to the writer of this article: "I have heard greater voices, but never a greater singer. She spoke directly to the heart." The object of the singer ought to be twofold—to bring out the beauty of the melody and to express the sentiment of the words. Probable more pleasure is given to hearers by the latter than by the other, but no doubt the singer takes more satisfaction out of the former.

## ANCIENT POLITICS.

One of the oldest political records extant is that found in the Book of Esther. There is some doubt as to the date of this narrative, the difficulty being to satisfactorily identify King Ahasuerus with any person whose era is at all accurately determined. The best authorities regard him as identical with Xerxes, who reigned in Persia from 485 to 465 B.C., or less than twenty-four centuries ago. The Norman Conquest takes us back more than a third of the time to the reign of this monarch. In the Book of Esther we have a story of intense dramatic interest, but it is not in any sense a history of the reign of Ahasuerus. It gives us a striking insight into the life of the period, and it may be instructive to mention a few matters in this connection. We are told that Ahasuerus "reigned from Indian even unto Ethiopia over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces." It is this which is chiefly relied upon as identifying the Ahasuerus of Esther with Xerxes, for it is known that the latter subdued Egypt in B.C. 484. His dominion included probably what are now known as Afghanistan, Beluchistan, Persia, Syria, Egypt and parts of Asia Minor and Arabia. Whether or not he ruled also over portions of what is now Turkestan can only be conjectured. The scene of Esther's story was perhaps Babylon, but this is somewhat uncertain. The name of the king's palace was Shushan, but the writer of the book gives no suggestion as to the city in which it was situated. Possibly it was in a palace apart from any city. We know that Babylon itself was not very loyal to Xerxes, who in fact was delayed in his expedition against Greece by a rebellion in that city.

The Book of Esther opens with an account of a great feast given by the King.

It probably took place B.C. 482, which was two years before the great expedition against Greece was undertaken. It is thought that this feast was really a council called for the purposes of discussing the expedition. It was a wonderful affair. The one hundred and twenty-seven princes and all their retinue and the whole civil service of the Persian empire were present, and they were entertained by the king for one hundred and eighty days. The festivities closed with a seven days' festival to every one, both small and great, giving in the palace gardens. The banquet was something extraordinary. Wine flowed in abundance, being served to the thousands of guests in vessels of gold, each different from the others. This vast display of wealth was rendered possible in part by the fact that not long before Persia had, overthrown Croesus, whose enormous wealth had furnished a name for the possessors of vast stores of precious metals ever since.

For the story of how Vashti, the queen, declined to be present at the festivities, and how Esther came to be chosen queen in her stead and of the deep political plot and counterplot with which the names of Haman and Mordecai are associated, reference must be made to the Book of Esther itself. When you have read it you will be apt to conclude that our modern politics are very tame in comparison with what engaged the minds of the ancient Persian public men.

The object in referring to this interesting epoch is to direct attention to the marvellous change that has come over the portion of the world which was the theatre of the events mentioned. Until we appreciate fully the magnificence of the empires, the highly developed social conditions, the tremendous civil and military power exercised by the kings of those times, we are hardly able to comprehend the story of the progress of Christian civilization. The ancient empire of Persia could put millions of armed men in the field. Xerxes led a million soldiers to the Hellespont in B.C. 480. He had a fleet of 1,200 fighting ships and 3,000 transports awaiting him in the Aegean Sea. Forty-six nations were represented in his army. There never was anything like this before and there has never been anything like it since. Xerxes had five times as many soldiers under him, as Lord Roberts has in South Africa, and an enormously greater naval force than Great Britain has altogether, and yet this vast army and fleet was got ready in about two years' time, although both Egypt and Babylon were in a state of rebellion and had to be held down by large armies. Yet all this greatness vanished within a comparatively short time. The civilization which it represented has utterly perished. Perhaps the most amazing fact in connection with it is that it was the fifth in a series of high civilizations which had the arena of their highest development in that part of the world. The acme of Persian power, be it remembered, was four hundred and eighty years before the Founder of Christianity was born. The descendants of the kings, princes, nobles, statesmen, warriors, peasants and slaves of those days are doubtless still to be found in western Asia, but they are unrecognizable. They have been absorbed by more virile races, and have never regained anything approaching to their former grandeur. The early Mohammedan caliphs thought at one time that they would restore the imperial greatness of these ancient sovereigns, and their dominion was even wider. But nothing availed to check the march of the religion and civilization founded by that great Son of the race from which Esther sprang, who was born in Bethlehem nearly five centuries after Xerxes met his fate at the hands of the assassin.

Bishop Hartzell told a Chicago audience that every black man in America and every friend of the black men in all the world should pray for the success of the British arms in South Africa, and his thousand auditors made the building ring with cheers.

The condition of things in the local Liberal camp is amusing to those who look at things from the outside. There was a little quiet merriment over the fact that the new president of the association follows the ancient and honorable

Whiskey lowers the man and raises the devil. There are 206,456 miles of telephone wire in England. For staying off the hungry craving when a meal is unavoidably delayed it is difficult to find anything better than an apple. A man is always wanting somebody to tell him how handsome he is. A woman will stand before the glass and see for herself.

The Earl of Beaconsfield was not an agreeable companion. He had a sneering way of speaking that to many persons was offensive. If the sun had nothing else to do but shine on the righteous it would be hardly worth while for him to rise as early as he does.

Titan was polite, even to his wife. It is said he never entered her room without bowing, and always rose when she entered his.

Eternal vigilance is the price of several things other than liberty. A cash drawer, a treasury, and an umbrella require a perpetual vigil.

Petrarch was so anxious to excel in polite deportment that he took lessons from a professor of dancing and breeding every day for six years.

Lady Hubbard, inventor of the divided skirt, has a new foe. She contends that female servants should wear knickerbockers, as such costume facilitates movements.

Walter Scott was almost too polite. His unwillingness to disoblige others, even in small matters, often caused him great inconvenience.

As the supply of ivory is becoming short, billiard balls of cast steel are now being used in Sweden. By making them hollow the weight is made to correspond with that of ivory balls.

Darwin was a great smoker, and though he read everything the papers had to say against the cigarette, he was rarely seen without one in his fingers or his lips.

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able business of undertaker, and many inquiries as to the date of the funeral were made. We think Mr. Hanna a very representative leader of the faction which selected him. He is an extremist in his views, with a regular Martineau faculty of making mistakes in public matters. The Times thinks the party will be re-united when the time for action in federal politics comes; but we take leave to doubt this.

## BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Whiskey lowers the man and raises the devil. There are 206,456 miles of telephone wire in England.

For staying off the hungry craving when a meal is unavoidably delayed it is difficult to find anything better than an apple.

A man is always wanting somebody to tell him how handsome he is. A woman will stand before the glass and see for herself.

The Earl of Beaconsfield was not an agreeable companion. He had a sneering way of speaking that to many persons was offensive.

If the sun had nothing else to do but shine on the righteous it would be hardly worth while for him to rise as early as he does.

Titan was polite, even to his wife. It is said he never entered her room without bowing, and always rose when she entered his.

Eternal vigilance is the price of several things other than liberty. A cash drawer, a treasury, and an umbrella require a perpetual vigil.

Petrarch was so anxious to excel in polite deportment that he took lessons from a professor of dancing and breeding every day for six years.

Lady Hubbard, inventor of the divided skirt, has a new foe. She contends that female servants should wear knickerbockers, as such costume facilitates movements.

Walter Scott was almost too polite. His unwillingness to disoblige others, even in small matters, often caused him great inconvenience.

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## Provincial Elections. 1900.

All the Electors of Victoria Electoral District opposed to the present government are hereby invited to meet on Monday the 14th day of May, 1900, at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, for the purpose of discussing the present political crisis and of considering the advisability of placing candidates in the field in opposition to the government of the Hon. Joseph Martin and pledged against the introduction of Dominion Party Lines into provincial politics.

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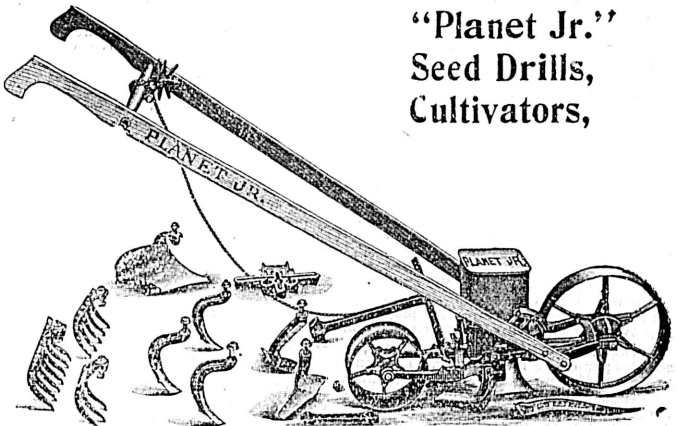
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Sunday, May 13.		Monday, May 14.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
1:00 a.m.	8.2 feet	1:20 a.m.	8.6 f. et.
8:00 a.m.	2.8 feet	9:00 a.m.	2.1 feet
4:00 p.m.	8.4 feet	4:30 p.m.	8.6 feet
8:00 p.m.	7.7 feet	8:10 p.m.	8.0 feet

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The Case Dismissed.—Magistrate Hall in the police court yesterday dismissed the charge against John O'Brien of stealing \$5 from a Chinaman.

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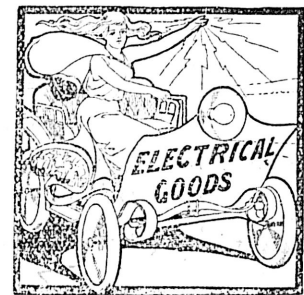
Popular Excursions.—The management of the Victoria & Sidney railway have arranged a series of excursions, which will prove a boon to fishermen and others seeking a quiet holiday. The first of these will be held to-day, a fishing and cycling excursion being arranged to Salt Spring Island. Those going will be landed within a short distance of Cusheon lake, and afterward the steamer will proceed to Ganges Harbor, remaining at the latter point for six hours, affording cyclists an opportunity to visit points of interest on the island. A train will leave Hillside avenue station at 6 a.m., and returning will arrive in the city at 6:10 p.m. The fare for the round trip is \$1.50, and bicycles will be carried free.

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Church Social.—A sale of work and ice cream social will be held on Tuesday afternoon at St. James hall, James Bay, in aid of the church fund.

Improvements to Residence.—Contractor Thomas Catterall has in hand extensive improvements and alterations to the residence of Mr. J. J. Dunsmuir on the Craigflower road. A new music room is being added to the residence and the work as a whole will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The School Flag Poles.—Contractor Thomas Catterall yesterday finished the task of placing in position the ten new flag poles on the city schools; and now everything is in readiness to permit of proper jubilation on the 24th of May, the relief of Manfeking and the fall of Pretoria.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral took place yesterday morning from St. Andrew's R.C. Cathedral of the late Mrs. Christina Dalley, Rev. Father Althoff officiated and the Pioneer Society had charge of the funeral, the following members acting as pall-bearers: Messrs. H. D. Helmecken, C.C. T. Plewin, J. Cleairhuc, A. Graham, J. Wall and E. Metcalf.

Shawnigan's New Hostelry.—The new hotel at Shawnigan Lake, erected by the Shawnigan Lake Hotel Company, which has been most appropriately christened the Strathcona, will be thrown open for the reception of guests in a few days. It will be under the management of W. E. Green, of Nanaimo.

The Bridge Suits.—A number of the claimants in the famous Point Ellice land suits in Victoria are understood to be dissatisfied with the amount of the awards decided upon by Arbitrator A. E. Beck, of Vancouver, who was called upon to give a decision in the cases in the hands of D. G. Macdonnell; and an appeal will probably be taken.

The X-ray As a Detective.—The latest application of the X-ray in this city is as a medium of locating missing money. Mr. Harry Morton having recently called upon the operator of the hospital apparatus to assist in tracing the contents taken by a quarter-of-a-dollar which, child-like, his pretty little son hastened to swallow one morning a fortnight ago. The photograph taken with the X-ray attachment to the camera shows the coin to have almost passed through the child's body, and it is anticipated that he will soon be none the worse for his experiment in dining on silver. At the present time, however, the anxious father would gladly give a hundred dollars for that particular two-bit piece.

Victorians For Paris.—Already a number of Victorians have made arrangements for visiting the gay French capital and the great world's exposition; and it is likely that there will be a considerable exodus from Pacific Coast points. Among those who will sail from New York Paris bound on June 9th are James Muirhead, of the firm of Muirhead & Mann, and others seeking a quiet holiday. Both gentlemen will also pay visits to their native land—Auld Scotia—before going to Paris and expect to be absent a period of four months. Mr. Muirhead has not visited Europe since he left Scotland in his boyhood days for the "wordy" and in Eastern Canada, and is naturally looking forward to the trip with much pleasurable anticipation. His host of friends will extend best wishes for a real good time in the old land. Another Victorian who will leave at Water date for Paris is William Wilson, of the firm of W. & J. Wilson, the Government street clothiers.

Andree Reports Are Due.—The belief expressed by Ernest Andree, the aeronaut-explorer's brother, that Andree himself is still in the land of the living and will return to the world this summer or autumn—which belief the reasons for it were elaborated in the Colonist of yesterday—appears to be shared by both the Swedish government and the aeronauts of Europe, and in consequence the consular representatives of Sweden in Norway are just now receiving fresh budgets of circular letters urging them to further efforts to secure information of the explorer's fate. When the Jeanette and the Karuk called here on their way to the Northern whaling grounds, the master of each was communicated with, and duly notified in the name of the Scandinavian governments that liberal rewards will be paid for the recovery of any articles identifiable as having belonged to the Andree expedition, or any authentic information as to its fate. The reward is specifically directed to the whalers, as it is conjectured that they are most likely to obtain definite news of the missing aeronaut.

Kindergarten Association.—The last open meeting of the Kindergarten Association for this season will be held at the kindergarten building, corner of Stanley avenue and Cadboro Bay road, on Wednesday at 3 p.m. The programme will consist of a paper on "The Teaching of Patriotism," illustrated by songs and "occupation" work as taught to the children; also the lesson of "The Five Knights," illustrated by songs and "gift" work. All friends interested are cordially invited to be present. This association has been working steadily for three years along the lines of the child study and "new education" movement. Its members consist of the kindergartners of the city and all mothers who are desirous of co-operating with them in their efforts to learn and do what is best for the child, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. Over a year ago the members pledged themselves to collect a sufficient sum to enable them to open a kindergarten class at the Orphanage and Miss Glover was asked to undertake the work. This she has done most faithfully and satisfactorily, and the members of the association would like to take this opportunity of thanking the friends, who, by their contributions aided in this good work.

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## Day's Services In the Churches

Order of the Musical Arrangements and Subjects of Sermons.

Members of the A.O.U.W. Will Parade to the Centennial Church.

In the absence of Rev. Canon Beauchamps, who is confined to the house by illness, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven will conduct the morning and Rev. A. A. Dorrell, the evening services in Christ Church cathedral. The musical arrangements follow:

MATINS.  
Voluntary Meditation ..... Maitly Venite.  
Psalm.  
Te Deum ..... Slimper Benedictus ..... Hopkins Hymns 233, 209, 223.  
Voluntary—"Chorus" in C ..... Shelley  
VESPERIS.  
Voluntary—"Andante" in D ..... Batiste Pro-Hymn 202  
Psalm.  
Magnificat ..... Teute Nunc Dimittis ..... Croft Hymns 183, 204, 235, 137.  
Voluntary—"Alleluia" in G ..... Gullmant

There will be morning prayer and litany at 11 and evensong at 7 at St. John's, rector, Rev. Percival Jones, being the preacher at both services. The musical arrangements will be as follows:  
Organ—"The Hymn of Nuns" ..... Wely Hymns 6, 30 and 175.  
Organ—"Mizpah" ..... Smallwood

Organ—"In Native Heath" ..... Hydn Hymns 38, 101 and 19.  
Organ—"Psalter" in F ..... Rink

The service at the Jubilee Hospital at 3 p.m. will be taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and the choir, directed by the organist and some of the members of St. John's choir. The anthem "He shall feed His flock" will be sung by Mrs. Janion and Miss Stoddart. The order of the services at St. Barnabas is: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral matins, 11 a.m.; choral evensong, 7 p.m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller will be the preacher. At St. Saviour's services will be held at the same hours. Rev. J. Bourne, R.N., preaching in the morning and Rev. W. D. Barber, the evening. The usual services will be held at St. James.

Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach in the morning and Rev. Dr. Reid in the evening at the Reformed Episcopal church, and in the afternoon at 3 there will be a children's service, when Dr. Reid will deliver an address.

"A dual aspect of God" will be the subject of J. G. Hastings's sermon in Emmanuel Baptist church this morning, the subject of the evening sermon being "Transgression and Penalty." In Calvary church Rev. J. F. Vichet will preach in the morning on "The Highway of Holiness" and in the evening on "Invitation." Sunday school and Bible class will be held in connection with both churches at 2.30.

There will be the usual services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Reid occupying the pulpit in the morning. The order of the musical portions follows:

MORNING.  
Organ—"Melody" ..... Tours Psalm 43.  
Anthem—"Turn Thy Face" ..... Sullivan Hymns 280, 201, 315.  
Organ—"March" ..... Wely

EVENING.  
Organ—"Alleluia Grazioso" ..... Tours Psalm 24.  
Anthem—"If I Go Not Away" ..... Caldwell Soli. Mrs. McCandless and Mr. W. H. Barton.  
Hymns 24 and 98.  
Song—"The Plains of Peace" ..... Barnard Mrs. Miller.  
Organ—"Chorus" ..... Lemmens

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach both morning and evening at the First church, and services will be held at the regular hours at the other Presbyterian churches.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church Rev. C. Bryant will occupy the pulpit at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., the sacrament of the Lord's Supper being administered at the close of the evening service. In the absence of the pastor, the Conference, the pulpits of the other Methodist churches will be supplied for the day. The members of the A.O.U.W. will attend the Centennial church in the morning.

Services will be held in the First Congregational church, morning at 11, evening at 7, when Rev. J. Payn, the pastor, will preach. In the morning the subject will be "Building of Christian Manhood." In the evening "Christian Science, is it Christian, is it scientific, is it satisfactory?" Y.P.S.C.E., 8.15. Sunday school 2.30 p.m.

At the Adventist chapel, 231 Pandora avenue, services will be conducted by the pastor at 7 p.m., the subject being, "God's mercy to fallen humanity."

The subject for the public lecture in the Universal Brotherhood hall at 8.15 this evening is "The heresy of separatism."

Fire Threatened the Troopship.—In a letter just received from Trooper W. Winkel, who with Victor Spencer is a member of Strathcona's Horse from this province, the news is given that when the troopship Monterey was seven days out on her way to Capetown fire was discovered and for half an hour engaged the most active endeavors of all on board. Fortunately it was at last suppressed, and one of the most terrible disasters of modern times averted.

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## "Brief News Items on Boys' Wear."

There are some handsome little two-piece serge suits to be sold this week for \$1.95, and a new lot of blue melton cloth suits at \$2.05. These two lines are regularly priced at \$2.50 and \$3.25; also a new line of black serge suits, handsomely pleated both back and front, for \$3.25.

Vestee suits for boys, 4 to 9 years, are handsomer than ever this season. The trimmings are more elaborate and the styles more distinctive than last fall. The newest ones are made with a narrow collar with wide lapels in front, trimmed with fine rows of cord braid, and two rows of buttons down the front of coat. These are selling for \$2.95 and \$3.25 the suit.

Some new and attractive patterns have been added to our stock of three-piece suits this week, just enough to fill up the sizes and make an attractive showing. A splendid lot of strong tweed school suits at \$3.50 and \$3.80, and a new line of Scotch tweeds at \$4.20. These lines are selling all over town for \$4.25 and \$5.50.

As the 24th of May celebration approaches, interest is increasing in our long trouser suit section. Most of the boys will want a new suit for the parade. A particularly good line of long trouser suits at \$4.85, \$6.25 and \$6.85, with a new lot of hard cord serges at \$6.10.

Have you thought of a new cap for the boy? Some pretty sailor yachting styles at 35c. and 50c., and a sprinkling of genuine straw sailor hats with gold lettering, at 75 cents. Is there a new shirt in mind for the boy? Before deciding on the style, take a look at those colored, starch bosom shirts, "Just like Papa's," at 75 cents; and those wide Eaton collars to wear over the cord collar, 2 for a quarter.

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Most boys will be interested in these navy and white bathing suits at half a dollar, and a new lot of bathing trunks at 10 cents.

Not every boy has a sweater to wear, yet every boy should have one. They're the most comfortable, besides the cheapest and most economical garment for the boy to wear. We have a splendid line of fine wool sweaters, in plain navy, plain cardinal and plain white, at 75 cents each, and a line of color ones in mixed colors, at 35c. and 40c.

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## Dowie's Hot Reception.

Zionite Leader Greeted With His- ses, Groans and Jeers in Philadelphia.

He Answers With Abusive Lan- guage But Loses His Nerve.

Dr. Dowie, head of the Zionites, had a decidedly interesting time with the people of Philadelphia on April 29, when he delivered addresses in the Grand Opera House there. The North American of Philadelphia has the following report of the scene:

"Dr." John Alexander Dowie, "divine healer" and self-styled "General Overseer of the Christian Catholic Church of Zion," has come out of the West to invade Philadelphia. He delivered three addresses yesterday in the Grand Opera House and announced his intention of building a great tabernacle in the central part of the city.

The "Doctor" was greeted by large audiences at the three meetings, morning, afternoon and evening, and although he was hooted and hissed at all of them, there was no serious disturbance. After the morning meeting he demanded police protection, and Lieutenant Lyons and a large squad of policemen were present during the afternoon and evening. This aged man of indomitable courage, who has faced scores of howling mobs threatening to kill him in Chicago, lost his nerve for a moment yesterday afternoon, and with blanched face took two steps toward the wings of the stage. But he recovered quickly, and, shaking his fist at the hundred or more excited and indignant men who were on their feet, shouted: "Get out! Get out quickly, or I will send you out by the ambulance!"

The Grand Opera House was filled yesterday afternoon, when the "General Overseer" walked briskly to the desk. He wore evening dress, partly concealed by a flowing black robe. After a prayer he told the audience that at the morning meeting some people had hissed him. "The only creatures who hiss," he said, "are geese and snakes. If there are any of these creatures here this afternoon, I warn them that I am prepared to take care of them. I am sorry there are such creatures in Philadelphia walking on two legs."

The "Doctor" gave a brief description of "Zion," the embryo city of the Dowieites, on the shore of Lake Michigan, opposite Chicago, and said that subscriptions to the stock of the Zion Land and Investment Company could be made at the close of the meeting, in spite of his recent denunciation of "eye crutches," the overseer adjusted a pair of glasses on his nose before proceeding with his "sermon." He came after the call for "tithes and offerings."

"The general overseer" speaks in a shrill, nasal voice, and his words become unintelligible when he becomes excited, which is about half the time. After declaring "My message is from God; He has put his seal upon it," the "Doctor" hesitated, as though he had forgotten something. Those in the audience who had heard him in Chicago felt there had been an omission. Suddenly his face lighted up, and glancing along the front seats as though looking for some one, he shouted: "The press of this country has well described in the scriptures as a generation of vipers, and their lot is eternal damnation. I have not seen a paragraph in a Philadelphia newspaper about me that was not a mass of lies."

"God," he added, "always has a man when the time comes. God said 'I will form one church and destroy all others.' That church is the Christian Catholic Church of Zion."

This statement was received with

groans and laughter, and the "Doctor" became excited.

"Unless you remain very calm," he shouted, "I propose to see a lot of dead and wounded carried out of here!" (Jeers and laughter.)

The overseer was trembling with anger. Walking to the footlights he glared at the sea of faces a moment. "Oh," he shrieked, "you tobacco chewing, smoking stinkpots! You dirty dogs who call yourselves Christians and smell like devils! You disgusting dogs who smoke your wives and children out of the house! You may be Baptists or Episcopalians, but you are not Christians. You may call yourselves Christians, but I call you stinkpots."

There was a storm of hisses, but Dowie's voice rose still above the din. "Women, isn't that the truth?"

Three women piped a piercing "yes!" A man's voice shouted "no!" and Dowie screamed, "Oh, you stinkpot!"

He then denounced people who eat pork and oysters as dogs and launched a tirade on this subject that is unfit for type. The audience was becoming nervous, and many women got up and left hurriedly.

"I hope there are some medical students present," he said, "because I am going to give the medical students a spanking. I had a narrow escape from being a doctor of medicine myself, but, thank God, I escaped."

Many more women left the house. Finally a man sprang into the middle of the aisle and shaking his fist towards Dowie shouted "You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

Fully 200 men and women jumped to their feet and it was then that Dowie lost his iron nerve for a moment and looked frightened. But when he saw that no assault was intended he screamed, "Get out! Get out, or I will send you out by the ambulance!"

A crowd left the house and at the conclusion of his address half of the seats were vacant. Almost the same scenes took place in the morning and evening, but the police were not called on to interfere.

"Dr. Dowie, who proposes establishing a tabernacle in this city, appearing yesterday and opened a 'divine healing' establishment. Patients flocked to him and within six months he had six or eight houses crowded with cripples and incurable patients of all descriptions. His terms were \$25 a week and a 'tithing' on the patient's income or possessions. His 'Zion' was denounced by the health authorities and he was arrested scores of times, but his institution continued to flourish. His central 'Zion' in Chicago is an immense building for which he pays \$10,000 a year. His annual receipts in Chicago are said to amount to a quarter of a million. Last Christmas he displayed \$1,000,000 in bank notes on the stage of his Chicago tabernacle, which was intended to purchase a site for the city of 'Zion.' He conducted a bank, a publication, a tabernacle and many other institutions and his wealth is said to amount to millions."

## PROVINCIAL NEWS NOTES.

Congregational Church For Nelson—The Burnt Basin Mines.

Within a couple of weeks an addition will be made to Nelson's list of religious organizations in the shape of a branch of the Congregational Church of Canada, says the Nelson Tribune. There are in the city a number of persons who are properly members of this denomination and the Canada Synodical Conference, which met at Winnipeg last year, decided to institute a church here at once under their direct supervision. Rev. William Munroe, late of Montreal, will be the pastor of the Nelson Congregational church. He is a native of Embro, Ontario, and has been in the ministry for 25 years. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Munroe was ordained at Emmanuel church in Montreal and was authorized to proceed to Nelson for the purpose of opening up work and founding a church under the auspices of the church to which he belongs.

A. K. Stuart, of Greenwood, one of the original proprietors of the Vernon News, has received an appointment as Western mining representative at the Paris Exhibition. Mr. Stuart is an accomplished French and German scholar, and possesses a wide range of knowledge concerning the mineral production of this province.

The Rossland Miner states that Burnt Basin, near Gladstone, from present indications, may develop into one of the best little mining camps in West Kootenai.

Owing to the early spring there is already a considerable number of men working in the Basin, and nearly every day new finds are being made. A contract was let some little while ago for a 24-foot tunnel on the Mother Lode, and work is being rapidly pushed on it. It is being run in on a fine quartz vein, carrying good values in gold and copper, and in the face of the tunnel it is fully 25 feet of ore between very defined walls. The Jackson brothers have struck a good quartz vein on the Contact claim, and from the appearance of the ore it should carry very good values. Work is going ahead on the Meeklenburg, Peckham Hill Top, Tannum and Jackstraw claims, with very favorable results, and everything points to a season of great activity in the district. John Sinclair, former man of the Ennismore property, has just uncovered a very strong ledge of magnetic iron ore. Mr. T. E. Pierson, of Rossland, has just finished assessment work on the Havana claim, and has found some very fine magnetic iron and galena. Work is being rushed on a number of other claims as well, and the prospects for the Burnt Basin are very bright.

## QUESTIONS.

It is no longer a question. The Geographical Board of Canada has decided that the spelling is Quesnel. It has so certified to the post office department, and that department has so communicated to the postmasters at Quesnel and Quesnelle Forks, with the intimation that the amended form of spelling is to go into effect on the 1st of June.

## HOW IS YOUR WIFE?

Has she lost her beauty? If so, Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache are the principal causes. Karl's Clover Root Tea has cured these ills for half a century. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Money returned if results are not satisfactory. All "drug" lists.

## Letters to The Editor

### CELEBRATION FIREWORKS.

Sir: There seems to be much dissatisfaction in regard to the site selected for the fireworks display, and I think with very good cause. What on earth can be the reason that the committee decided on such a place as Hospital Point, when we have such a splendid place as Beacon Hill, where everyone would have a splendid chance of seeing everything, which it will be impossible to do at Hospital Point, where there is practically no decent place from which to view the display. Those who may be lucky enough—or I am afraid I had better say unluckily enough—to be able to get on the bridge or on some of the wharves, where there is great danger, will no doubt get a good view, but even there you are too far away to see the best pieces. It seems to me there must be some other reason than that they consider it the best place; that the committee, after the recommendation of the council and the changes pointed out to them, would not change the site. I noticed a letter a few days ago from "Committee-man," in which he stated it would keep the people on the streets. I think I speak for the minds of the people when I say they do not want to be kept on the streets. Everyone likes a little outing during a holiday. He spoke of dragging the children so far; that seems a very poor excuse, for I am sure both the parents and children would much prefer Beacon Hill, where there is no danger, and they feel tired they can sit down and enjoy the sight. I am sure they are more than willing to take chances on themselves being tired than not being able to see the display at all. I was pleased to see that Alderman Cameron did his best, after the dangers were pointed out, to have the site changed. Some of the committee considered the alderman inconsistent because they wanted to change the site after seeing that they made a mistake in suggesting such a place as the Point. They also spoke of going over to the Point and selecting the spot, etc. Surely they are willing to give that little time rather than take chances of loss of life, and when they will be pleasing the majority of the people if they make the change. The money to be spent on fireworks is too great unless the sight can be enjoyed by everyone who wants to see it. Mr. Dallan and his friends will no doubt have a very good view from the clubhouse, boats, etc., but we want everyone to see; therefore I say Beacon Hill is the only place.

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

Victoria, May 12.

### UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP.

Sir: Having noticed in your columns, and also in those of your contemporary, the Evening Times, numerous severe strictures on the attitude of the American people towards Britain in her present war, I would like to express my sympathy for the South African republics. It was lost in a storm of hisses, and the platform was adopted as read.

### BOER RESOLUTION LOST.

"After the platform had been read, Miles Kehoe, of Chicago, presented an amendment expressing sympathy for the South African republics. It was lost in a storm of hisses, and the platform was adopted as read."

The second item from Seattle and is taken from the Post-Intelligencer of the 10th:

### SEND \$1,000 ACROSS SEAS.

British Americans Transmit Collections For Boer War Widows and Orphans to London.

"Alexander Gillson, treasurer of the British-American League of this city, yesterday transmitted to London \$1,000 to be applied toward the support of the widows and orphans of the soldiers now fighting under the British flag in the Transvaal. The money was collected from English citizens and English sympathizers residing in this city. It is stated that out of all who were approached by the club's representatives not one refused to contribute. Many are said to have offered to subscribe to a monthly fund. The money was remitted to Sir John Doce Moore, Lord Mayor of London, who is treasurer of the Transvaal war fund collected from foreign sources. As fast as the funds are received they are applied toward relieving the immediate necessities of the widows and orphans of the soldiers who have lost their lives fighting the Boers."

I have also read a letter from a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., telling of the concert there in aid of the Mansion House Fund, and which realized over \$2,000. He also told of an attempt to raise a subscription for the Boers by the concert party papers, but because President McKinley and his cabinet officials have shown, by word and act, their friendliness to Britain and their gratitude for her attitude in the Spanish-American war, seek to make political capital out of it. I feel sure that this will show that the majority of Americans have nothing but friendship for Britain.

Don't start on your journey without putting a bottle of Jesse Moore's "A" in your grip.

At the closing of the Volksraad on Monday President Kruger asked out, "God of the Volksraad, shall this be the final act? No, it shall be a God will be merciful and strengthen the right. Ours is the right!" The President added that he had documented a proof of a "devilish conspiracy to annihilate the republics."

A despatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad, says the Hernandez revolutionists are again active in Venezuela. It is reported that Gen. H. Hernandez, at the head of 2,000 troops, entered and occupied Calabozo, the capital of the state of Guayana. Gen. Hernandez has despatched a strong army from Caracas to engage Gen. Hernandez.

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### WEAK AND NERVOUS.

Mr. Austin Fancy is a well known blacksmith living at Baker Settlement, a hamlet about ten miles from Bridgewater, N. S. Mr. Fancy is well known in the locality in which he lives. He is another of the legion whose restoration to health adds to the popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Fancy related his story of illness and renewed health to a reporter of the Enterprise as follows:—"During the last winter, owing I suppose to overwork and impure blood, I became very much reduced in flesh, and had severe pains in the muscles all over my body. I felt tired and nervous all the time, had no appetite and often felt so low spirited that I wished myself in another world. Some of the time, necessity compelled me to undertake a little work in my blacksmith shop, but I was not fit for it, and after doing a couple of boxes, I felt a decided relief. The pains began to abate, and I felt again as though life was not all dreariness. By the time I had used six boxes I was as well as ever, and able to do a hard day's work at the forge without fatigue, and those who are not well will make no mistake in looking for health through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."



Pink colored pills in glass jars, or in any loose form, or in boxes that do not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, are not Dr. Williams'.

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## THE LOUIS D'OR.

From the French of Francois Coppee.

When Lucien de Hem saw his last 100 franc note drawn in by the croupier's rake, and when he had risen and prepared to leave the roulette table, where he had just lost the remainder of his then diminutive portion, he swayed slightly and thought for a moment that he would fall.

His head troubled him, his limbs seemed weak, and he threw himself upon a large leather couch which was raised against the wall of the gambling room. For some moments he vaguely regarded his surroundings, where he had wasted the best years of his youth, recognizing the vain aspect of the players, listening to the light tinkle of the coin, and musing the while upon his ruined condition, recalling at the same time where his father's pistols could be found in a certain drawer of his own apartment, then weary in mind and body he fell into a profound sleep.

When he awoke he glanced rapidly at the clock and saw that he had slept scarcely a half hour, feeling the absolute need of fresh air, he stood up and prepared to depart. The hour of that time he pointed to within a quarter of an hour of midnight and Lucien then remembered that the morrow would be Christmas and his thoughts reverted to the past and all that that date had signified to his boyish heart in that long ago.

As he thus debated, old Drouski, a pillar of the house, the classic Pole, as he was styled, approached him and murmured: "Will you lend me a five-franc piece?" Sir, I have not stirred from the club for two days and the number 17 has not come out. Laugh at me if you want to, but I give you my word that at the stroke of midnight it will appear."

This young man of 23 who had come from a race of honest people, whose name implied high distinction in the army, and who had never failed to honor it, was swayed to do an ignominious act. With a rapid glance to assure himself that he was quite alone in the deserted street, he again bent over, and with the greatest precaution, snatched the precious coin, hastily returned to the club, ascended the steps with a few strides, and pushing open the door of the cursed room, he then hurried forward, and just as the clock was sounding the first stroke of midnight placed the gold piece on the green cloth and cried: "On the 17."

The "17" was the lucky number. With a rapid gesture, Lucien pushed the 36 louis on the red and again was successful. He then left the 62 pieces on the same color for the next turn of the wheel, and the red came out once more. He thus doubled it three consecutive

6 or 7 years of age, thinly clad in a tattered black frock, was seated in the snow. She was unconscious of the cruel cold about her, and slept in an attitude of the utmost fatigue and dejection. Her little head had fallen into an angle of the wall and reposed upon the cold stone. One of her old shoes had become detached from the suspended foot and lay before her.

With a mechanical gesture Lucien de Hem felt in his fob pocket; but was instantly recalled to the fact that he had not even a sixpence, and that he had been unable to give a "poor boire" to the "garcon" of the club. However, impelled by instinctive pity, he approached the little girl, intending, perhaps, to take her up in his arms and give her shelter for the night, when something seemed to glitter in the worn and misshapen shoe at his feet.

He bent over and saw that it was a louis d'or! Some charitable creature, he thought a woman, without doubt, had probably passed by on this evening, seeing the shoe, and with a discreet hand, recalling the child, had dropped the louis into the little girl's depths, that the lonely child, upon its awakening, might still have faith in the world and its people, notwithstanding her misery, and some confidence and hope as well in the bounty of the Most High.

A loud! It signified wealth and many days of ease to the poverty-stricken girl, he thought, and Lucien was on the point of rousing her to apprise her of the good fortune when the Pole's words returned to him, and Drouski's voice seemed to be whispering in his ear:

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times and always met with the same luck. He now had a pile of bank notes and gold in front of him. The "dozen," "the column," and "the number," every combination prospered. His luck was unequalled, of supernatural. It seemed almost as if the little ivory ball had been magnetized, fascinated by the gaze of this gambler, and was obedient to his will. In a dozen strokes he had recovered what he had lost earlier in the evening, and now, by placing 200 or 300 louis at a time, abetted by his chimerical run, he would soon regain more than the fortune he had squandered in so few years, and thus be able to begin anew with the world.

In his eagerness to play, he had neglected to remove his heavy cloak, and soon had filled his roomy pockets with bundles of bank notes and quantities of gold as well as the pockets of his waistcoat and trousers, and in like manner was forced to resort to his cigar case, and handkerchief. He played on, luck ever with him, like a mad man, or one crazed by liquor, and threw handfuls of gold haphazard upon the table, with certainty and disdain. Only his heart seemed on fire, and he thought but of the little mendicant sleeping outside in the cold snow, of the child from whom he had stolen.

"She is still in the same place! Certainly she is there!" he mentally ejaculated. "I will leave her presently, yes, when 1 o'clock strikes. I vow I will! I will not rouse her but take her in my arms and carry her home with me, and she shall sleep in my bed. And I will educate her. I will give her a dot. I will love her as if she were my own child, and I will always take care of her, always!"

But 1 o'clock sounded, the quarter, the half, and the three-quarter, and Lucien was still to be found at the table. Just a minute before 2 the croupier stood up and in a loud voice said abruptly: "The bank is broken, messieurs. Play ceases for to-day."

With a bound Lucien arose. Brutally waving aside the other gamblers who were surrounding him and regarding him with envious admiration, he quickly departed and hastened to the stone bench. From a distance he perceived the little girl.

"God be praised!" he cried. "She is still there."

He approached and seized her hand. "Oh! how cold she is!" he murmured. "Poor little thing!"

He then took her up in his arms, the child's head fell back but she did not awaken. "How they sleep at that age!" he mused. He pressed her to him to reanimate her. Her grew vaguely uneasy, and wishing to rouse her from this deep slumber he touched his lips to her eyes.

But only then he saw with alarm that the little one's lids were partially open, disclosing the dull and motionless pupils. With a horrible suspicion Lucien put his mouth to that of the child's but no breath came.

While the man had been amassing a fortune at the table with the louis d'or he had stolen, the homeless waif had quitted the scene of its earthly sorrow. It had died from the cold.

In great distress Lucien strove to cry out, and in the effort awoke from his nightmare to find himself on the leather couch in the club, where he had fallen asleep shortly before midnight, and where the "garcon," who had been the last to depart about 5 o'clock in the morning, had left him through pity.

The grey December dawn was visible through the casements. Lucien quitted the now deserted room, put his watch in pawn, took a bath, breakfasted and then went to the recruiting office and enlisted as a volunteer in the First Regiment of the African Infantry.

To-day Lucien de Hem is a lieutenant. He has but his pay to live upon, but finds it adequate, as he never touches a card. It seems that he is even able to save some for a few shillings at a time, one of his comrades, who happened to be but a short distance from him in a steep street, saw him bend over and put something in the hand of a little Spanish girl who was sleeping in a doorway, and had the curiosity to learn what it was. He was greatly surprised at the poor lieutenant's generosity, for Lucien de Hem had given a louis d'or to the little girl.

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The way from the throat to the lungs lies along the bronchial tubes, and it is in this passage that a cold must be checked if the lungs are to be saved from inflammation, pneumonia and consumption. Tightness in the chest, soreness, sharp or dull pains, difficult breathing, and a painful cough, are indications that the bronchial tubes are affected. Time only is required to develop lung complications. Nature's own remedies for bronchial troubles and throat and lung affections are inhaled, or flaxseed, turpentine and licorice. These specifics along with half a dozen other ingredients equally simple, and equally efficacious, are so compounded in Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as to make the most successful throat and lung cure that is known today.

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## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, May 12-8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is giving way along the Coast in advance of Vancouver Island. This disturbance is likely to cause fresh winds and more showers as it spreads inland. Rain is falling on the Washington coast. In and showers have occurred in numerous Territories there have been numerous thunderstorms, and at Qu'Appelle and Winnipeg the temperature reached 60.

## TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	46	55
New Westminster.....	44	58
Kamloops.....	48	66
Barkerville.....	32	64
Calgary.....	56	90
Winnipeg.....	44	54
Portland, Ore.....	48	60
San Francisco.....	48	60

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time), Sunday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong winds, mostly southerly; partly cloudy and cool, with showers.  
Lower Mainland—East and south winds; unsettled, with occasional rains; continued cool.

## VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

## SATURDAY, May 12.

Deg. Mean.....56  
5 a.m.....36  
Noon.....52  
5 p.m.....51  
Lowest.....46  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m.....12 miles west.  
Noon.....16 miles southeast.  
5 p.m.....8 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Sunshine—1 hour 18 minutes.....29.938  
Barometer at noon—Corrected.....29.950  
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.92

## NEW WESTMINSTER

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....29.92

## PASSENGERS.

By steamer Islander from Vancouver:  
Mr. Mills, J. H. Freeman,  
Miss Glenn, W. K. Houston,  
A. Gilmore, Wm. Tufts,  
A. Clay, E. T. Ward,  
M. Baker, Mrs. Ward,  
Mrs. Baker, L. H. Hardie,  
E. L. Dewdney, H. G. Wilson,  
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Winnipeg To-day Will Decorate Graves of Fallen Brave.

Winnipeg, May 12.—Winnipeg soldiers to-morrow decorate the graves of the men who fell in the rebellion of 1885. The entire garrison will turn out.

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## Anti-Oriental Legislation

## Col. Prior Secures Copies of Text of the Official Correspondence.

## Reasons Why the Governor General in Council Disallowed the Bills.

The following is the official correspondence in regard to the disallowance of the anti-Chinese and anti-Japanese legislation. As will be seen by reference to the letters this correspondence was secured by Col. Prior from the Department of Secretary of State. This correspondence, including the reasons given by the Minister of Justice for recommending disallowance are self explanatory:

Department of Secretary of State,  
Minister's Office,  
Ottawa, 1st May, 1900.

Dear Colonel Prior:

In reply to your note of the 25th ultimo. I enclose copies of the most recent papers in the matter of the anti-Chinese and anti-Japanese legislation. There is a more recent despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia than that of the 27th December last, but unfortunately it has been mislaid by the officers of the department of justice, and cannot be found. As soon as it is returned to this department I shall have a copy sent to you.

Yours truly,

R. W. SCOTT.

The Honorable E. G. Prior, M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa.

Ottawa, 25th April, 1900.

Sir: I have the honor to acquaint you that on the 24th of April, 1900, His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, to declare his disallowance of chapters thirty-nine, forty-four, and forty-six of the session of the British Columbia legislature of 1899, intitled respectively: "An Act respecting Liquor Licenses," "An Act to grant a subsidy to a railway from Midway to Penitence," and "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act," which acts were assented to by you on the 27th day of February, 1899. I have further the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor-General, by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to declare his disallowance of chapter fifty of the same session of your legislature, intitled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act," which act was assented to by Your Honor on the 18th January, 1899.

The order-in-council declaring the disallowance of these acts is herewith enclosed, together with Lord Minto's certificate as to the date of their receipt by him.

I have the honor to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd.) JOSEPH POPE,  
Under-Secretary of State.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's

Telegraph.

Ottawa, 24th April, 1900.

To Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

Chapters thirty-nine, forty-four, and forty-six of the session of 1899 of the British Columbia legislature were disallowed in accordance with Imperial policy; chapter fifty disallowed as ultra vires. Order-in-council and report of Minister of Justice goes by mail.

(Sgd.) R. W. SCOTT,  
Secretary of State.

At the Government House, at Ottawa,

Tuesday the 24th day of April, 1900.

Present:

His Excellency-in-Council:

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia with the legislative assembly of the said province of British Columbia, did on the 27th day of February, 1899, pass certain statutes which have been transmitted to me in chapters No. 39, 44, intitled "An Act to grant a subsidy to a railway from Midway to Penitence"; chapter No. 46, intitled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act," and on the 18th day of January, 1899, chapter No. 50, intitled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act," and whereas the said statutes have been laid before His Excellency the Governor-General-in-council, together with a report from the Minister of Justice recommending that the same be disallowed; Now therefore, His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has this day been pleased to declare his disallowance of the said statutes and the same are hereby disallowed accordingly.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia and other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Sgd.) JOHN J. MCGEE,  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

I, Sir Gilbert John Elliott, Murray, Knymsmond, Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, do hereby certify that the statutes passed by the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia and assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor of the said province of British Columbia on 27th February, 1899, numbered chapter 39, intitled "An Act respecting Liquor Licenses"; chapter No. 44, intitled "An Act to grant a subsidy to a railway from Midway to Penitence"; chapter No. 46, intitled "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act," and on the 18th January, 1899, chapter No. 50, intitled "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act," were received by me on the 27th day of April, 1899.

Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of April, 1900.

(Sgd.) MINTO.

24th April, 1900.

The committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the annexed report, dated 12th April, 1900, from the Minister of Justice upon certain statutes of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia passed in the year 1899, being chapter No. 39, intitled "An Act respecting Liquor Licenses"; chapter No. 44 "An Act to grant a subsidy to a railway from Midway to Penitence"; chapter No. 46, "An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act," and also chapter No. 50, being "An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act."

The committee concur in the opinions of the Minister of Justice as set forth in

the annexed report, and the recommendations therein contained, and the above-mentioned statutes be disallowed, and advise that the same be disallowed accordingly.

The committee further advise that the Secretary of State be authorized to transmit a copy of this minute and of the annexed report to the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of British Columbia.

All which is respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's approval.  
(Sgd.) JOHN J. MCGEE,  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor province of British Columbia.

Department of Justice, Canada.

Ottawa, 12th April, 1900.

To His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada:

The undersigned referring to his report of 14th November, 1899, approved by Your Excellency on the 14th December, 1899, upon the statutes of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, passed in the year 1899, has the honor to state that in the said report he called attention to the following statute as affecting Japanese or their rights to employment in British Columbia, viz.: Chapter 39—"An Act respecting Liquor Licenses."

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The undersigned, for reasons stated or referred to in the said report, considered it undesirable that the provisions affecting Japanese contained in these acts should remain in operation, and has recommended that the British Columbia government should be asked to consider and state whether these clauses would be repealed within the time limited for disallowances.

A copy of this report, as approved, was duly transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, but no assurance has been received that any action will be made to any of these statutes. The legislature has also been dissolved, and as the time for disallowance will expire within a few days, it becomes necessary for Your Excellency to take further action unless these enactments are to remain.

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The section affecting Japanese has apparently been introduced into these acts not at the instance of the companies, but in pursuance of the policy of the provincial government, and in these circumstances the undersigned considers it would be unjust and perhaps productive of great hardship if the charters of these companies or the acts upon which their powers depend were disallowed.

The reasons which on a previous occasion operated to save the said acts from disallowance may similarly again avail. The undersigned reaches this conclusion the more readily because he is of opinion that the provisions in question are ultra vires of the provincial legislature as affecting aliens.

Inasmuch, however, as certain statutes of British Columbia have been disallowed in 1899 on account of provisions attempting to render illegal the employment of Japanese, and as certain other statutes will, if this report be approved, soon be disallowed for the same reason, the undersigned considers that by the time the present session of the legislature is closed it will be safe to hold that the views of Her Majesty's government and of this government with regard to anti-Japanese legislation are not generally and sufficiently understood in British Columbia, and, therefore, it may well be considered in cases of this kind that the incorporation of private companies, or acts in amendment of such incorporating acts, may also be held to have acted with notice of the views entertained by Your Excellency's government, and of the action which would probably be taken with respect to such measures.

For these reasons, and the reasons stated in previous correspondence and reports, the undersigned recommends the disallowance of the said Chapters 39, 44 and 46, and that the other chapters above mentioned be left to their operation.

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That act has also been the subject of a special report of the undersigned, dated 12th February, 1900, approved by Your Excellency on the 10th February.

By the last mentioned report the undersigned set out the reasons on account of which he considered that the statute was ultra vires and ought to be disallowed. This report, in pursuance of the recommendation of the undersigned, has been communicated to the provincial authorities, and there has just been received the undersigned a despatch of the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, dated 7th instant, transmitting copy of an approved minute of the executive council of the province, dated 6th instant, adopting the report of the provincial attorney-general upon the communication of Your Excellency's report, and stating that the attorney-general states in his report that he differs from the view of the undersigned as to the authority of

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